



Newsletter Friday 23rd January 2026

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

Wed 28th	Y5 Lodge Hill Parent Meeting - 3:30pm
Fri 30th	Final Payment deadline for Y4+5 Lodge Hill Residentials
Wed 4th	SEND coffee & catch up 9.00 am
Wed 4th	Yr 5 & 6 basketball event (Weald) 3.30-5pm
w/c 9th	<i>Children's Mental Health Week</i>
Mon 9th	Yr 5 Circus workshop

Summer Fun Day - Saturday 6th June

House Point Results Winning House Petworth

Cowdray	Parham
694	457

Goodwood	Petworth
656	770

Dear Families,

This week has been another wonderful example of everything that makes Billingshurst such a special place to learn and grow.


Firstly, huge congratulations to our Equality Group for leading such a powerful assembly on neurodiversity. They shared some truly inspirational and personal stories, showing great courage, empathy and maturity. Their message was thoughtful and impactful, and they should be incredibly proud of the way they represented themselves and our school values.

Our Philosophy Group also continues to meet regularly and this week they tackled the challenging question: *Is it ever okay to lie?* The depth of discussion and reasoning demonstrated by the children was impressive, highlighting their ability to think critically, listen respectfully and consider different viewpoints.


This week we also held our whole-school lockdown drill. We were extremely proud of how calmly and sensibly the children responded. Practising these procedures is a vital part of our school systems to ensure we keep your children safe, which remains our number one priority.

Finally, I had the pleasure of joining our fabulous KS2 Choir at Young Voices on Thursday, and it was incredible. Well done to all the children who sang and danced their hearts out and represented Billingshurst outstandingly throughout the day. Seeing our children featured in the live YouTube broadcast - singing, smiling and having fun - was a truly proud moment.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,
Miss Ley



Ms Pell



Ms Pell joined our Year 3 team last September as a LSA. She is enjoying working as part of such a great team! Outside of school she likes photography, pyrography and spending time with her 2 children.

Fun Fact:

Ms Pell has 17 tattoos! Her favorite one is a silhouette of her children!

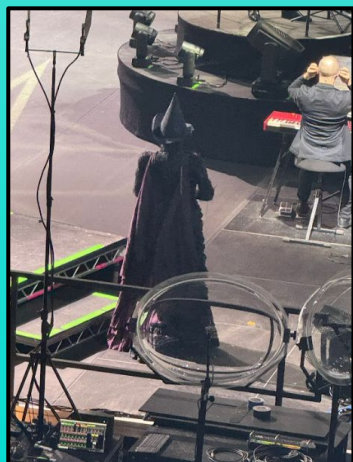
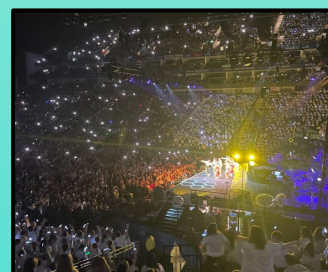
Hobbies:

Photography, singing, baking, studying!



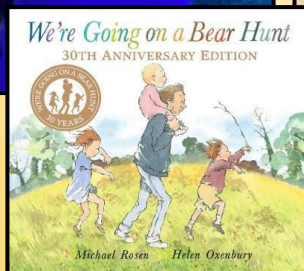
Young Voices 2026!

What an unforgettable day! Yesterday, 63 of our children sang their hearts out at the London O2 Arena, performing alongside 8,916 other children as part of Young Voices. It was an absolutely awesome experience and the children were incredible from start to finish! They were also lucky enough to take part in the worldwide Wicked Singalong, singing with Elphaba from London's West End! They were so amazing that they even featured on the live broadcast! We couldn't be prouder. Well done to everyone involved — a truly magical day to remember!



EYFS - Bear Hunt

Our EYFS children have been exploring the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. As part of their learning, the children took part in a practical activity to conclude the week by making chocolate bear faces. The children worked together to create a simple recipe, sorted the ingredients and then decorated their bear faces using raisins, carefully considering the features of a bear. This activity supported discussion, cooperation and fine motor skills, while also linking closely to the story. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activity and were proud of their finished creations.



Lockdown drill

Well done to all of our children this week as we carried out a lockdown practice across the whole school. Classrooms were calm throughout and the children listened carefully to adults and followed all instructions well.

These practices are a vital part of ensuring your child's safety, which remains our highest priority.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Parent Governor Wanted!

We are seeking a new Parent/Carer Governor to join our Governing Body.

*Rewarding, voluntary position
Meetings held every half term
No prior educational experience required*

To find out more, please email
clerk@billingshurstprimary.org.uk



Year 3 - Pizza Making - DT

As part of their learning in Design & Technology, the children in Year 3 have been busy making pizzas. They began by researching different ingredients and testing what works best. This week, they put their research into practice by making their own pizzas from scratch. The children made their own bases and carefully chopped ingredients to create the perfect toppings, using their cutting skills to ensure everything was suitable for a pizza. A delicious way to learn!



Learning Gear of the Week!

Our learning gear, **Reflecting on Learning**, helps children become confident, thoughtful learners. In class, children are encouraged to link new learning with what they already know and to think about where they are in their learning by planning, checking and evaluating their work. They learn to notice when something feels tricky and to choose strategies that help them move forward. Children self-assess their work, give and receive feedback, and identify strengths and next steps. Over time, they reflect on the progress they've made, helping them take real ownership of their learning.

At home you could:

Talk about learning: Ask children what they learned today and how it links to something they already knew.

Encourage reflection: Use simple questions like *What went well?* *What was tricky?* *What would you do differently next time?*

Normalise uncertainty: Reassure children that finding something hard is part of learning and talk about strategies they can try when they feel stuck.

Promote self-assessment: Encourage children to check their own work and talk about what they're proud of.

Use feedback positively: Help children act on feedback from school rather than seeing it as a judgement.

Look back over time: Occasionally, revisit older learning to notice progress and celebrate improvement.





BPA Bees

Thank you to the teams that joined us for our New Year Quiz last Friday and congratulations to the winning team: None of your quinzess. We raised nearly £300!

We will be holding a **Bingo Night** on **Friday 24th April**. Please save the date and we will be sending out more information soon.

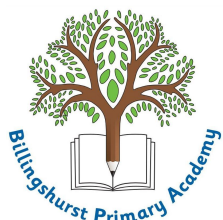
Our next **second hand uniform sale** will be after school on **Friday 30th January**. You will find us under the KS1 canopy. Cash and card donations accepted.

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